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In December 1952, source learned that the VPL construction headquarters was located in Berlin-Johannisthal. The headquarters was headed by Lieutenant Colonel Weickert who was subordinate directly to General Kossler. Captain Kunze and Lieutenant Colonel Merkulow were also attached to the headquarters. The construction headquarters made the designs for VPL construction projects and controlled the execution of construction work. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the Construction Department of the East German Ministry of the Interior was to be responsible only for army construction projects, while construction projects for the air police and the naval police would be controlled by their respective headquarters. If this should be carried through, the construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior would only be informed of VPL and naval construction projects through one Giess. The VPL construction headquarters was actually responsible for the designs for Jocksdorf and Brementhal airfield and for the execution of construction work there.

Comment. To date, all VP construction works have been centrally controlled by the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior.

. The establishment of a construction headquarters at the central VPL headquarters in Johannisthal in late 1952 indicated that VPL construction projects would be withdrawn from the competence of the Ministry of the Interior. See [REDACTED]

. The present report indicates that the missions of the VPL construction headquarters are to be widened. This assumption is supported by the observation of Captain Kunze who previously was assigned to the VP construction headquarters attached to the Ministry of the Interior. Lieutenant Colonel Merkulow is mentioned for the first time.

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